

Case Number:	CM14-0141613		
Date Assigned:	10/02/2014	Date of Injury:	06/24/2014
Decision Date:	11/03/2014	UR Denial Date:	08/15/2014
Priority:	Standard	Application Received:	09/02/2014

HOW THE IMR FINAL DETERMINATION WAS MADE

MAXIMUS Federal Services sent the complete case file to an expert reviewer. He/she has no affiliation with the employer, employee, providers or the claims administrator. The expert reviewer is Board Certified in Family Medicine and is licensed to practice in California. He/she has been in active clinical practice for more than five years and is currently working at least 24 hours a week in active practice. The expert reviewer was selected based on his/her clinical experience, education, background, and expertise in the same or similar specialties that evaluate and/or treat the medical condition and disputed items/services. He/she is familiar with governing laws and regulations, including the strength of evidence hierarchy that applies to Independent Medical Review determinations.

CLINICAL CASE SUMMARY

The expert reviewer developed the following clinical case summary based on a review of the case file, including all medical records:

Patient had a date of injury on 6/24/14. A wall fell down on him and noted to have pain in his left hip and was unable to ambulate. Patient had the following surgery on 6/24/14 - open reduction and internal fixation of the left posterior wall acetabulum fracture with hip dislocation. By discharge patient was ambulating and discharged with weight bearing of 30 lbs to the left leg.

IMR ISSUES, DECISIONS AND RATIONALES

The Final Determination was based on decisions for the disputed items/services set forth below:

Sixteen (16) physical therapy sessions: Upheld

Claims Administrator guideline: Decision based on MTUS Postsurgical Treatment Guidelines.

MAXIMUS guideline: Decision based on MTUS Postsurgical Treatment Guidelines Page(s): 23.

Decision rationale: According to Guidelines Postsurgical treatment of physical medicine consists of: 24 visits over 10 weeks Postsurgical physical medicine treatment period: 4 months. Therefore, physical therapy of 16 sessions does not follow guidelines.